

Community Issues Report

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Consumer, Health & Safety

An interest in knowing about events that impact our daily lives. A need for information about how to be wise shoppers of goods and services and how to live healthy and safe lives.

Crime

A need to know about crime and law enforcement activities and a concern for personal safety.

Education

A concern about the money and skills needed to improve schools and an interest in improving student's quality of education.

Environment

A concern for how the environment is affected by human activity.

Government

An interest in how government affects our personal lives

Jobs/Economy/Growth

An interest in the local and national economic outlook and the impact growth has on our communities

Quality of Life

An interest in things that improve one's satisfaction with life.

The following pages list representative samples of program segments from The Ten O'clock Newscast, The News at 6:30 Newscast and The Morning Newscast during this quarter that respond to our ascertained issues. Each segment was 20 seconds to 3 minutes in length (except as otherwise reported).

The following pages also identify issue-responsive episodes of programs, which are listed under the appropriate issue.

WHNS also broadcasts public service announcements, news and weather cut-ins as needed to inform local community of breaking news and emergencies.

Attachments



Consumer, Health & Safety

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
FOURTH QUARTER 2007**

Problem/Need: **CONSUMER, HEALTH & SAFETY**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Saturdays (airs weekly)	6:30am	TODAY'S HOMEOWNER

Description: A half-hour weekly television show that features information on how to maintain and improve your home, both inside and out. The approach to home improvement helps everyone from the experienced do-it-yourselfer to the first time homeowner. Projects are taken from start to finish in each weekly episode. (30:00)

October 4, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 4, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Packaged foods maker [Kraft Foods \(Charts\)](#) issued a recall in the U.S. for its Baker's Premium White Chocolate Baking Squares due to concerns that the product may be contaminated with Salmonella bacteria. The affected packages have UPC Code 0043000252200 and four best-when-used-by dates: 31 MAR 2008 XCZ; 01 APR 2008 XCZ; 02 APR 2008 XCZ; and 03 APR 2008 XCZ, the company said late Wednesday. Symptoms of food borne illness caused by Salmonella include fever, diarrhea and abdominal cramps. In people with poor underlying health or weakened immune systems, Salmonella can invade the bloodstream and cause life-threatening infections. The product was distributed nationwide. Kraft said consumers shouldn't consume the recalled product and should discard any product they may have. The potential for contamination was noted after testing by the Food and Drug Administration detected the presence of Salmonella in some packages of the chocolate. The company said it is "aggressively investigating" the source of the problem. This recall is only for Baker's Premium White Chocolate Baking Squares (6 oz.); no other varieties of Baker's White Chocolate or any other Baker's products sold in the United States are impacted by the recall. Consumers can contact the company at 1-800-310-3704 with any questions or to request reimbursement for purchased product.

October 4, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 4, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Several state [health](#) departments are telling ConAgra Foods its Banquet pot pies may be linked to cases of salmonella. But the company said its pies are safe if they're cooked properly. ConAgra officials are working with health authorities to determine whether any more precautions are necessary. A company spokeswoman said it's especially important to follow the directions when pies are cooked in a microwave, adjusting the time for devices that have less power. She said no recall is planned. However, in [online response](#), the company said people should not eat the pot pies while it investigates. The warning applies to Banquet and store-brand frozen chicken or turkey pot pies with "P-9" printed on the side of the package. Customers can also get a refund by sending the side panel with "P-9" to ConAgra Foods, Dept. BQPP, P.O. Box 3768, Omaha, NE 68103-0768. They can also return it to a store. Federal disease control officials are tracking a large [salmonella](#) outbreak with cases in several states. It's most often caused by undercooked eggs and chicken. Earlier this year, ConAgra had to recall all of its peanut butter because it was linked to a different salmonella outbreak.

October 11, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 11, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The makers of cough and cold medicines for infants have pulled several products off shelves, but an industry group said the move is out of caution, not to fix a safety issue. An industry group noted that the [Food](#) and Drug Administration has not called for a ban or recall of the products. The medicines included in the action are: ☐ Dimetapp Decongestant Plus Cough [Infant](#) Drops; ☐ Dimetapp Decongestant Infant Drops; ☐ Little Colds Decongestant Plus Cough; ☐ Little Colds Multi-Symptom Cold Formula; ☐ Pediacare Infant Drops Decongestant (containing pseudoephedrine); Pediacare Infant Drops Decongestant Cough (containing pseudoephedrine) ; ☐ Pediacare Infant Dropper Decongestant (containing phenylephrine); Pediacare Infant Dropper Long-Acting Cough; ☐ Pediacare Infant Dropper Decongestant & Cough (containing phenylephrine); Robitussin Infant Cough DM Drops; Triaminic Infant & Toddler Thin Strips Decongestant; Triaminic Infant & Toddler Thin Strips Decongestant Plus Cough; Tylenol Concentrated Infants' Drops Plus Cold; Tylenol Concentrated Infants' Drops Plus Cold & Cough; The [Consumer Healthcare Products Association](#) said the medicines are safe and effective when used at the right doses. Information online also pointed out that labels say people should check with doctors before giving medicine to children under age 2, who are most vulnerable to overdoses. Makers have asked the FDA to change the labels to say the medicines should not be given to infants. The industry said it plans an education effort to let caregivers know how to safely use over-the-counter medications.

October 15, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 15, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Good news on the cancer front: Death rates are dropping faster than ever, thanks to new progress against colorectal cancer. A turning point came in 2002, scientists conclude Monday in the annual "Report to the Nation" on cancer. Between 2002 and 2004, death rates dropped by an average of 2.1 percent a year. That may not sound like much, but between 1993 and 2001, deaths rates dropped on average 1.1 percent a year. The big change was a two-pronged gain against colorectal cancer. While it remains the nation's No. 2 cancer killer, deaths are dropping faster for colorectal cancer than for any other malignancy - by almost 5 percent a year among men and 4.5 percent among women. One reason is that colorectal cancer is striking fewer people, the report found. New diagnoses are down roughly 2.5 percent a year for both men and women, thanks to screening tests that can spot precancerous polyps in time to remove them and thus [prevent cancer](#) from forming. Still, only about half the people who need screening -- everyone over age 50 -- gets checked. "If we're seeing such great impact even at 50 percent screening rates, we think it could be much greater if we could get more of the population tested," said Dr. Elizabeth Ward of the American Cancer Society, who co-wrote the report with government scientists. The other gain is the result of new treatments, which are credited with doubling survival times for the most advanced patients. In 1996, there was just one truly effective drug for colon cancer. Today, there are six more, giving patients a variety of chemotherapy cocktails to try to hold their tumors in check, said Dr. Louis Weiner, medical oncology chief at Philadelphia's Fox Chase Cancer Center and a colorectal cancer specialist. "I can tell you the offices of gastrointestinal oncologists around the country, and indeed around the world, are busier than ever because our patients are doing better," he said. Among the report's other findings: Cancer mortality is improving faster among men, with drops in death rates of 2.6 percent a year compared with 1.8 percent a year for women; Lung cancer explains much of the gender difference. Male death rates are dropping about 2 percent a year while female death rates finally are holding steady after years of increases. Smoking rates fell for men before they did for women, so men reaped the benefits sooner; Overall, the rate of new cancer diagnoses is inching down about one-half a percent a year; New breast cancer diagnoses are dropping about 3.5 percent a year, a previously reported decline due either to women shunning postmenopausal hormone therapy or to fewer getting mammograms. The report includes a special focus on cancer among American Indians and Alaskan natives. Overall, cancer incidence is lower among those populations than among white Americans, except for cancers of the stomach, liver, kidney, gallbladder and cervix. The annual report is a collaboration of the American Cancer Society, National Cancer Institute, [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), and North American Association of Central Cancer Registries.

November 9, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 9, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: When the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission said this week that a toy called Aqua Dots could act like the date-rape drug when eaten, it put retailers on alert and scared some [parents](#). In Denver on Thursday, [television](#) station KMGH was able to find several boxes of two different types of Aqua Dots kits on the shelves of a Kmart. A supervisor at the Kmart said he had heard about the Aqua Dots recall earlier in the day, but had not received a word from his corporate supervisors asking him to remove the merchandise from the shelves. He said he would pull the merchandise immediately. In Houston, Pam Smith did some early Christmas shopping for her goddaughter, but she had to make a return trip to the toy store. "This was the actual picture that I saw on the Internet," Smith told television station KPRC as she was holding an Aqua Dots toy set. She had just learned some disturbing news about the popular toy that had been flying off the shelves. "I said, 'Oh! I just bought some of that!' I looked up at the screen and there it was, the Aqua Dots," Smith said. "I had my receipt. I just bought it today. We can't have it." Aqua Dots consists of beads that can be arranged on a tray, then fused together to form shapes when sprayed with water. CPSC officials said the coating on the beads contains a chemical that can turn toxic if eaten, and that a Chinese manufacturer changed the coating. The toy sets have been on sale in the states since April. So far, two children in the U.S. and three in Australia have been hospitalized after swallowing the beads. CPSC officials urged parents to take the toys away from children immediately. "It makes me feel unsafe," mother Gina Marischal said. "It makes me wonder what other toys do I have that are not safe for my kids." "I don't want to take a chance," Smith added. "We just don't want to take a chance." According to doctors, if a child has ingested the beads, symptoms can be very similar to an epileptic seizure or a reaction to an infection such as meningitis.

November 12, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 12, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Snow skiers are getting an early start this season in North Carolina's mountains. Cataloochee Ski Area bustled during the weekend thanks to machine-made snow packed 8 to 20 inches deep on two slopes. Cataloochee spokeswoman Tammy Brown said resort officials decided several years ago that they wanted to try to open as soon as possible. They said that makes the season longer for everybody. Cataloochee opened last week and will operate on a limited schedule until Saturday. It opened Nov. 4 last year. The ski area uses several retaining ponds to supply water for snow production. The stream-fed ponds fill during the summer, then catch runoff from slopes in the winter to provide water needed to produce machine-made snow as soon as the right mix of temperature and humidity occurs.

November 15, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 15, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The state health agency says residents in 13 counties who live near nuclear power plants can pick up pills that could help reduce the risks of some cancers during a radioactive release. Residents can get new potassium iodide pills to replace those set to expire this month. Residents don't need to throw out those pills yet. The South Carolina Health Department said federal agencies have tested the pills and extended the expiration date to 2009. More than 1.3 million potassium iodide pills have been distributed in South Carolina since 2002. People can get the pills at public health departments in Aiken, Allendale, Barnwell, Chesterfield, Darlington, Fairfield, Lee, Lexington, Newberry, Oconee, Pickens, Richland and York counties.

November 19, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 19, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Highway Patrol officers in both North and [South Carolina](#) said Monday they will be watching drivers closely over the Thanksgiving holiday. Troopers said they will use increased manpower on the roads and aircraft to monitor traffic. Troopers said they will be concentrating on speeding, aggressive driving and sobriety during the holiday. Troopers in South Carolina said nine people were killed over the 102-hour Thanksgiving weekend in 2006 and 10 people killed in 2005. In [North Carolina](#), troopers said 11 people were killed in Thanksgiving crashes in

2006. "We want people to understand that the extra congestion during Thanksgiving and the increase in drinking and driving drive up the chances for motorists being involved in collisions," said Max Young, director of the South Carolina Office of Highway Safety. "Their best defense in a collision is their safety belt." Troopers warned that local law enforcement will also be stepping up traffic enforcement. They said this is because a majority of collisions and fatalities occur on secondary roadways.

December 7, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 7, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: [Health](#) officials have confirmed six cases of the disease with lab tests. The university has reported an additional 40 confirmed or highly suspected cases and 50 more people suffering at least one symptom of whooping cough. University officials said more than 800 people were given whooping cough vaccinations on Wednesday. Health officials said the vaccines given during childhood can wear off over time. Whooping cough, also called pertussis, is a highly contagious bacterial infection.

December 11, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 11, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Imagine dropping off a dog at the groomer and when you pick it up, over half of its body is burned. That is what one woman said happened to her poodle, Buttons. Jean Barley said she left her poodle at the Pooch Parlor on Butler Road to be groomed. When she returned to pick up her dog, she said, 60 percent of Buttons' body was burned. Barley said she immediately took Buttons to a veterinarian, who told her that the grooming is what caused the injuries. The burns were so bad that the doctor was forced to put Buttons to sleep, she said. "There's no need to let a dog suffer," Barley said as she sobbed. "Not like that!". FOX Carolina's Lidia St. Mark spoke to Buttons' groomer and owner of the Pooch Parlor, Sandra Henderson. She said that when the dog left her shop, it was only slightly red from a rash. "It looked bad," Henderson said. Henderson said she called Barley and told her about the rash. Barley saved the voicemail and played it back for FOX Carolina. "Hey! This is Sandra at the Pooch Parlor. I forgot to call you when Buttons was ready. She's got a real bad rash going on underneath her." Henderson said she doesn't use any chemicals or heaters on the animals she grooms. She said she has groomed Buttons several times before and nothing happened. "I've never seen anything like that before in my life," Henderson said. Henderson said she will admit that Buttons' skin was red when she left her shop, but it was not as bad as it is in the pictures taken by Barley. "It's not my fault," Henderson said. "Something was wrong with the dog." Barley has filed a lawsuit against Henderson for the death of her dog. Barley also contacted the police, but they told her she could not get involved because the case is a civil matter.

December 18, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 18, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Congress approved the first increase in automobile [fuel economy](#) in 32 years. The increase was approved by a wide margin Tuesday, and President George W. Bush has signaled he will accept the mandates on the auto industry. The energy bill will boost mileage by 40 percent to 35 miles per gallon. It passed the House 314-100, and now goes to the White House, following the Senate's approval last week. The bill spurs increased demand for nonfossil fuels and also requires a six-fold increase in ethanol use to 36 billion gallons a year by 2022. It also requires new energy efficiency standards for an array of appliances, lighting and commercial and government buildings. Robert Nardelli, chairman and CEO of [Chrysler](#), endorsed the passage of the energy bill. "Chrysler is committed to meeting the fuel economy standards of the bill and doing our part to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and our country's reliance on foreign oil," Nardelli said in a prepared statement. "We continue to devote significant resources to develop quality, fuel efficient products that our customers expect." He said the company has offered six vehicles this year that get 28 miles per gallon or better, and more are planned. While some Republican lawmakers criticized the bill for failing to address the need for more domestic oil and natural gas production, 95 GOP lawmakers joined Democrats in support of the bill.

Attachments



Crime

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
FOURTH QUARTER 2007**

Problem/Need: **CRIME**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Saturdays	8:00pm	COPS
Saturdays (airs weekly)	8:30pm	COPS
Monday – Friday	1:00pm	COPS
Monday – Friday	1:30pm	COPS

DESCRIPTION: COPS follows law enforcement officers as they answer calls and deal with the subjects and victims involved in the complaints and crimes. (30:00)

Saturdays (airs weekly)	9:00pm	AMERICA'S MOST WANTED
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DESCRIPTION: AMERICA'S MOST WANTED is hosted by John Walsh. The show profiles fugitives and wanted criminals who are being sought by federal, state, or local authorities. The program gives viewers a phone number to call to provide information. (60:00)

Saturdays (airs weekly)	2:30am	MISSING
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DESCRIPTION: Missing is a weekly half-hour reality series featuring actual cases of missing individuals, both adult and juvenile, from across the United States. (30:00)

Monday – Sunday	10:00 pm	FOX CAROLINA'S MOST WANTED
Monday – Friday	5:00a-9:00am	

DESCRIPTION: The FOX Carolina's Most Wanted airs during the Ten O'clock News on various nights Monday thru Sunday and The Morning News Monday thru Friday. Each segment profiles locally wanted criminals and gives viewers a phone number to call to provide information. Each segment is 45 seconds.

October 3, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 3, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Officials with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives said Wednesday a propane tank explosion at a Wal-Mart store in September was deliberate. ATF officials did not provide details of how the explosion occurred. The explosion happened at the [Wal-Mart Supercenter](#) in Sylva, N.C. on Sept. 26. Five people were injured when a small propane tank exploded in the camping supplies section of the store. The ATF said store security cameras captured images of people they think may have information about the explosion. They stressed the people in the images are not suspects. Officials asked anyone with information about the people seen in the photos or about the explosion to call Jackson County Crime Stoppers at 828-631-1125 or the ATF bomb hotline at 888-ATF-BOMB.

October 8, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 8, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: The National Insurance Crime Bureau said Monday the 1995 Honda Accord was the most likely automobile to be stolen in [South Carolina](#) in 2006. The 1999 Chevrolet full size C/K 1500 pickup ranked second on the list, followed by the 1996 Ford Explorer, the 1997 Ford F150 Series and the 2000 Honda Civic. Nationally, the 1995 Honda Civic was thieves' No. 1 choice, followed by the 1991 Honda Accord, 1989 Toyota Camry, 1997 Ford F150 Series and the 2005 Dodge Ram pickup. NCIB said that the number of vehicles stolen in South Carolina has continued to rise, despite a slight decline in the national auto theft rate. In 2006, 16,402 vehicles were stolen in South Carolina, up from 16,358 a year before. Last year, 1,192,809 vehicles were stolen nationwide, compared to 1,235,226 in 2005.

October 9, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 9, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: A little league football coach was arrested after arguing with a referee about a bad call. Jeff Brogdon coaches the Mauldin [Mavericks](#), a football team for 11- and 12-year-old children. Brogdon said during a game on Monday night, he became frustrated with a referee who he said made several bad calls. He said he approached the referee to discuss the calls. "There were some verbal exchanges between us and he finally said, 'You're out,'" Brogdon said. Brogdon said as he walked away two men grabbed him and put him in handcuffs. "They didn't identify who they were and just slapped handcuffs on me," Brogdon said. Some of the parents who were in attendance, like Ted Adamcryk, became upset. Adamcryk said he caught the entire incident on tape and that the arrest should never have happened. "He threw his hands up in disgust and turned around and did what he was supposed to do," said Adamcryk. However, police said Brogdon made an offensive gesture toward the referee and tried to storm the field. That was when officers arrested Brogdon on charges of disorderly conduct. "I'm in shock," Brogdon said. "I'm angry and I want to be forgiving." Brogdon said he is not sure if he will be back on the sidelines anytime soon.

October 9, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 9, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Police arrested a man after the mother of a 14-year-old girl accused him of having sex with her daughter. Brian Komski was arrested and charged with criminal sexual conduct with a minor in the second degree. The girl's mother said Komski had been a friend of the family for years. However, the mother said she discovered some messages on her daughter's Myspace.com page to and from Komski that were sexually explicit. The mother said she talked to her daughter and the girl admitted that she and Komski had had sex. The girl's mother said Komski's daughter had invited her daughter over for a birthday party. She said it was during that sleep-over that the alleged sex took place. "That night after his daughter was put in the bed was when everything happened," the girl's mother said. Komski had been around the girl since she was a baby. Komski was released on a \$25,000 bond.

October 18, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 18, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: An Eastside football coach and in-school suspension monitor wanted in a sex crime case turned himself in to authorities on Thursday morning. Master Deputy Michael Hildebrand with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office said David Kelley walked into the law enforcement center around 9 a.m. and turned himself in. Kelley has been charged with criminal sexual conduct with a minor. Deputies said Kelley molested a 14-year-old female student sometime in September. Reports said the girl sneaked out of her home one night and was picked up by Kelley. That was when the indecent act took place, deputies said. Some students at Eastside High School said they can't believe Kelley would do something like this. "I personally don't see that man doing that," said Kendall Rollins, a student. "I know him personally and I seriously don't see him doing that." Deputies said the investigation into Kelley started after several students told the school resource officer about the inappropriate

relationship between the coach and the student. School officials have suspended Kelley without pay. Kelley was being held at the Greenville County Law Enforcement Center on a \$15,000 bond. If convicted of the charges, Kelley could face up to 20 years in prison.

October 25, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 25, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: A woman charged with killing her neighbor and her unborn child was found not guilty on Thursday. Cynthia Marchbanks was on trial for shooting and killing Amber Robey in Sept. 2006. Robey was pregnant at the time. Her baby had to be delivered by Caeserean section. The baby died about a month later. The shooting happened at Marchbanks' home after she said Robey was threatening her life and forced her way into Marchbanks' house. An emotional Marchbanks took the stand on Thursday. She sobbed as she testified about the events leading to Robey's death. Druanne White, Marchbanks' attorney, said the shooting was a clear-cut case of self-defense. The jury deliberated for two hours before handing down their not guilty verdict, acquitting Marchbanks on two counts of murder and one count of possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. "This is one that I would have had trouble sleeping if she had been convicted," White said after the verdict was handed down. "She was attacked in her own home and she had absolutely no choice but to do what she did." "I'm so relieved people know the truth," Marchbanks said as she hugged relatives after the verdict. "They know I was not lying. All this time I've been telling people. They know now. They know!"

November 9, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 9, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Deputies said they are searching for a man and a woman who broke into a home and pulled a gun on a baby sitter inside. The home invasion happened at 118 Pale Moon Dr. around midnight. Deputies said a woman was baby-sitting at the home when she heard a car pull up outside and then a knock at the door. She opened the door and saw a woman and man armed with a shotgun. The babysitter told deputies the pair forced their way into the home and demanded to know where the closets were located. She led the pair to the closets. They took several items, left the home and drove away in a dark-colored car. An incident report said the thieves got away with a home safe, a shotgun and a couple of other items. The man was described as white, in his 40s, around 6 feet tall and weighing 185 pounds. He was wearing a blue hat, blue flannel shirt and blue jeans. The woman was described as white, in her 20s, around 5 feet tall and weighing 120 pounds. She was wearing a light blue sweater and blue jeans. Deputies asked anyone with information to call Crime Stoppers at 23-CRIME. deputies would not say what the men took.

November 12, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 12, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Police said an elderly woman and her son were found dead inside their Hendersonville home on Saturday. Police said the bodies of 81-year-old Connie Sparks and her 56-year-old son, Ricky, were found at their home on Conner Avenue on Saturday night. One of the Sparks' neighbors, Frank Sitton, said the family has lived in the neighborhood for over 70 years. He said the Sparks were longtime friends and known to many in Hendersonville. "They were pillars of the community," Sitton said. "I mean, they were just nice, good, hardworking people and always have been. Police said evidence at the scene suggests there was a break-in at the home before the Sparks were killed and their car stolen. The Sparks' car was found more than 350 miles away in Greenville, N.C. in a parking lot on the campus of East Carolina University on Sunday. University police said someone called in the car as suspicious and when they showed up to investigate, the car sped away, starting a short pursuit. Police said 18-year-old Charles Collins and 18-year-old Justin Graham were arrested after they jumped out of the car at a local cemetery. Investigators said although the two men were found inside the Sparks' car, police have not connected them to the Sparks' killings in Hendersonville. Collins and Graham are being held at the Pitt County Jail and are charged with several traffic violations.

November 12, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 12, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Deputies said they are looking for the person who robbed two different people in two separate incidents on Monday night at the same apartment complex. The robberies happened at Oakview Apartments at 1900 Boiling Road Extension. Deputies said the first robbery happened around 6:30 p.m. and the second robbery was around 7:15 p.m. Deputies said on both occasions, the victims were approached by an unknown man who showed a handgun and demanded money. The robber would grab the cash and then run away. However, witnesses said there was more to at least one of the thefts. "They were walking around and someone ran up to him, choked him and took their money and stuff," said Yaisha McGowan, a witness to one of the robberies. Deputies described the robber as a black male about 6 feet tall and around 180 pounds wearing a brown coat, blue or black pants and a red bandana. In both cases, the victims were not injured, deputies said. Deputies asked anyone with information on this case to call Crime Stoppers at 23-CRIME.

November 13, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 13, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Police arrested a high school student on Monday and charged him in the death of his 55-year-old neighbor. Police arrested 17-year-old James Chadrick Lomax and charged him with murder in the death of Daniel Lanford. Police said Lanford was found inside his home Friday morning after a neighbor who saw Lanford's front door open called 911. Lanford had been shot several times and was alive when police found him. Lanford was taken to Greenville Memorial Hospital, where he died on Saturday afternoon, police said. Laurens Police Chief Robin Morse said Lomax was arrested after someone called them and said he was talking about the shooting at school. Lomax's uncle, 50-year-old Will Davis, was also arrested and charged with being an accessory after the fact of murder, Morse said. Police said Davis knew what his nephew had done and tried to help him cover up the crime. Morse said Lomax lived with Davis a few doors down from Lanford. A search of the home yielded a weapon that was sent to the state crime lab for examination.

November 13, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 13, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Deputies have released two developments in the search for a couple that has been missing since Oct. 20. Deputies said 79-year-old John Bryant and his 84-year-old wife Irene were last heard from on Oct. 21 when authorities received an incomplete 911 call from their cell phone. Deputies believe the couple may have disappeared while hiking in the [Pisgah National Forest](#) and began searching the rugged terrain for the couple. After searching for more than two weeks, deputies said on Friday that a body had been found inside the established search area. Transylvania County Sheriff David Mahoney said on Tuesday that the body that was found on Friday was that of Irene Bryant. He said she died from blunt force trauma to the head. On Tuesday, deputies also said the Bryants' bank card was used by an unknown person seen in images taken from a bank in Ducktown, Tenn., about 130 miles from the search area. Deputies said the person seen in the pictures from the bank was completely covered and was wearing a rain jacket that belonged to one of the Bryants. They said the person withdrew \$300 from the account. Deputies asked anyone with information to call a tipline that has been set up for this case at 828-862-3645.

November 16, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 16, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Deputies said they are searching for a pair of robbers who target people walking to their cars. Deputies said 12 robberies following the same description happened in eastern Greenville County over the past few weeks. "In each of these cases individuals were robbed primarily while walking to their apartment from the parking lot," said Lt. Shea Smith of the Greenville County Sheriff's Office. Investigators said the recent string of robberies is

likely a copycat crime from the rash of robberies that happened in the Pelham and Haywood roads area during the summer. On Nov. 7, deputies said the bandits decided to stick up an automated teller machine user at a BB&T Bank on East North Street. Although there were surveillance pictures from that robbery, deputies were only able to release a very general description. The pair is described as black males, between 17 and 25 years old, wearing hooded sweatshirts and scarves over their faces. "The description is very generic, but unfortunately their faces have been covered in all the robberies that have happened," Smith said. "It's hard to get a detailed description, so we have to work with what we got." Deputies asked anyone with information in this case to call Crime Stoppers at 23-CRIME.

November 19, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 19, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Four people were stabbed during a fight outside a nightclub early Saturday morning. The fight happened around 1 a.m. at Croc's nightclub off Pelham Road. Deputies said the victims were stabbed in the back, stomach and arm. One person suffered a cut to his face. Witnesses said the fight started inside the bar and spilled into the parking lot. It was not clear what started the fight. All four victims were taken to the hospital, treated and released. Deputies arrested Larry Huggins of Norman, N.C., Toby McCormies of Jupiter, Fla., and Julian Marroquin of Greer in the case. McCormies was charged with assault and battery, Higgins and Marroquin were charged with assault and battery with intent to kill. Croc's nightclub, formerly called Brews, was the same place where Sean Kennedy was killed after being punched outside the bar. Kennedy's death made national headlines after his family said he was attacked because he was gay. In 2005, a man was killed in a parking lot across the street from the nightclub after a fight started inside the bar and continued outside.

December 17, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 17, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Authorities say a Greenville man serving a 10-year prison sentence for burglary stole a truck shortly after he escaped on Sunday night. Johnny Moore, 26, was reported missing from the [Trenton](#) Correctional Facility in Edgefield County around 11:30 p.m. Sunday. Investigators said a truck believed stolen by Moore from a warehouse near the prison was found abandoned off of Highway 25 near the Greenwood-Greenville county border. They said bloodhounds had tracked Moore's scent to the warehouse where the truck was stolen. Authorities said Moore has family in Greenville County and that he may be trying to reach them. Moore was described as a white man, 5 feet 8 inches tall and 193 pounds. He has brown eyes and black hair. Moore has a tattoo of a skull on his upper left arm and a tattoo of a grim reaper on his right forearm. Moore was found guilty on charges of burglary of a vault or safe. Investigators asked anyone with information on Moore's whereabouts to call the Fugitive Apprehension Unit at 877-349-2130 or the [South Carolina](#) Law Enforcement Division at 803-737-9000.

Attachments



Education

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
FOURTH QUARTER 2007**

Problem/Need: **EDUCATION**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
October 3, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 3, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: [South Carolina](#) first lady Jenny Sanford helped kickoff Walk to School Day on Wednesday. The first lady and other guests joined hundreds of children Wednesday morning to walk to the Leaphart Elementary School in the Lexington-Richland 5 School District. Walk to School Day is an international campaign that emphasizes the [health benefits](#) and safety challenges of walking. Leaphart is one of a dozen schools in the state that qualifies for a \$200,000 federal grant to improve conditions around the school to make it easier for kids to walk there each day. Parents and teachers hope that the money will help slow traffic in the area and make drivers more aware to watch out for children that may be walking to school.

October 4, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 4, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: A new report says standardized math and reading tests taken by South Carolina's public school students are among the nation's most difficult. State education officials said the study by the Thomas B. Fordham Institute again confirms what they have said for years -- that it is impossible to compare the quality of education between states by test scores alone. The report said state tests that measure whether students are meeting goals set by [No Child Left Behind](#) vary widely. It said states are creating a false impression of success by setting low standards that make tests easier to pass. The federal [No Child Left Behind Act](#) was signed into law in 2002 and is up for renewal. It requires that every student in America -- regardless of race, poverty or disability -- master grade-level standards by 2014. But it allowed each state to decide what kids should learn in each grade and set the bar for mastery. The report said that's the law's central flaw. The researchers urge Congress to change the law's unrealistic 100 percent proficiency mandate, which tempts states to set expectations low.

October 11, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 11, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: The head of the state lottery said he hopes profit losses have leveled off. Lottery sales in [South Carolina](#) fell to \$988 million in the last fiscal year. That was down \$157 million from 2005-2006, when sales reached an all-time high. Lottery director Ernie Passailaigue attributed the drop largely to the North Carolina lottery. It began siphoning off customers when it launched in March 2006. Passailaigue said it could have been worse. North Carolina residents still account for 15 percent of players in South Carolina, down from 35 percent. Passailaigue said he expects the agency to meet expectations this year of a \$252 million profit. Money from the lottery funds [college scholarships](#) and other education projects.

October 11, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 11, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Democratic presidential candidate [John Edwards](#) is to release a plan to give teachers in poor, rural schools in South Carolina a raise of up to \$15,000. The former North Carolina senator is visiting what's known as the "Corridor of Shame," an area along Interstate 95 where economic development has lagged, affecting school quality. Edwards' plan being announced in Darlington would also make four-year-old kindergarten available to all

children. Edwards proposed a six-part plan to improve rural schools in [South Carolina](#). Eight poor school districts have sued the state, challenging the way legislators fund public schools. Edwards' campaign said he's previously released some of the proposals, but they are being packaged specifically for South Carolina, where he was born.

October 15, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 15, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: In the wake of the Virginia Tech campus massacre, Boston [University](#) is setting the standard when it comes to making sure its students are safe and informed in case of emergency. The [school](#) is the first in the nation to mandate that students sign up for text message alerts, WCVB-TV in Boston reported. If students don't sign up, they can't register for spring classes. This weekend, the school sent out test alerts to about 40,000 students. There were glitches in the system, but the goal is to reach as many students as possible, as fast as possible, to improve response time to a crisis.

October 19, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 19, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Deputies said two schools were locked down Friday morning after a school bus driver reported gunshots. Both Wren Middle School and Wren High School were locked down just before 9 a.m., a spokeswoman for the Anderson County Sheriff's Office said. Deputies said a school bus driver told officials that someone had fired shots while the bus was on Interstate 85. Deputies said both schools were locked down as a precautionary measure because of their proximity to the interstate. There was never a direct threat to students at either school and all the students were safe, the spokeswoman said. Deputies said the shots may have come from a hunter in nearby woods who accidentally shot toward the interstate.

October 19, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 19, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: It's harder to find a french fry in a school cafeteria these days, and junk food is less common at school fundraisers, a federal study out Friday has found. But when it comes to encouraging healthy habits, the nation's schools still aren't earning straight A's. About 19 percent of schools served french fries to students in 2006, down from 40 percent six years earlier, according to the study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The percentage of schools that sold cookies or other high-fat baked goods at fundraisers dropped from 67 percent to 54 percent during the six-year period. And in nearly half of schools, students can select [bottled water](#) instead of sugary drinks from school vending machines or snack bars, up from nearly a third of schools in 2000. Public [health](#) officials are cautiously optimistic about the changes. "We're not satisfied. We still have a long, long way to go, but it is encouraging," said Howell Wechsler, director of the CDC's Division of Adolescent and School Health. About 90 percent of districts require physical education in all schools. The figure has risen in recent years at the elementary-school level. Still, in most schools, it's rare for kids to get daily physical education. About two-thirds of elementary schools provide daily recess. Students need daily exercise, said Jan Harp Domene, president of the national PTA. "Kids that learn this at an early age will practice this into adulthood," she said. "We are growing a whole generation of couch potatoes." About one-third of U.S. children are overweight, and 17 percent are obese - figures that have been rising. "We're really at the early phases of trying to counter what right now could be the most pervasive health problem that ever hit the United States - that is obesity in children," said Dr. David Appel, a pediatrician and the director of the Montefiore School Health Program, which provides medical services to school children in New York. The survey found about a third of schools have a full-time nurse, a figure that has remained steady. About half of schools employ a part-time nurse. States are increasingly requiring middle- and high-schools to teach sex-education and pregnancy prevention. Bullying prevention programs also are on the rise. The percentage of elementary and middle schools that participated in programs to prevent bullying increased from 63 percent to 77 percent. The CDC doesn't have that trend data for high schools. The use of security or surveillance equipment also has increased in schools

November 5, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 5, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: More than two-thirds of students who graduated from colleges in South Carolina five years ago are still in the state, according to a new [study](#). The state Higher Education Commission study also said that nearly 80 percent of South Carolina high school graduates who attended an in-state school have stayed in the state since graduating in 2002. The study was conducted by matching information on students who earned undergraduate and graduate degrees at the state's public institutions in 1997 and 2002 to driver's licenses five years later. The [data](#) on 2002 graduates showed that more women than men were still in South Carolina this year. The study also showed that students earning a lottery-funded scholarship tended to stay in-state. The commission hopes to track graduates from private colleges in future reports.

November 5, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 5, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Clemson University said Sunday it plans to increase its presence in Greenville. The university said it hopes the move will help recruit faculty and provide more space for a new center in Greenville. President Jim Barker said Greenville has become a significant part of the school's recruitment pitch for new faculty. Barker said Greenville and the university's International Center for Automotive Research are first stops for recruits before heading to Clemson's campus.

November 12, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 12, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: State [Education](#) Superintendent Jim Rex says upcoming TV ads will focus on recruiting men and minorities to teach in South Carolina. Rex said the ads will begin airing before Thanksgiving. Rex said private [donations](#) paid for the ads, which highlight the rewards of making a difference in children's lives. Schools are struggling to fill vacancies, and educators said finding male and minority teachers can be especially difficult. Last year, South Carolina districts hired more than 8,000 teachers. However, the state's Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention and Advancement said that when the 2006 school year started, nearly 700 vacancies remained. Minorities and men each accounted for about 20 percent of the new hires.

November 15, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 15, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: A Converse [College](#) history professor has been named the South Carolina winner of a national awards program. Melissa Walker was among winners in 40 states and the District of Columbia recognized by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of [Teaching](#) and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. The professors-of-the-year program recognizes excellence in undergraduate teaching and mentoring. Walker joined the all-women's college in 1996 and teaches courses on the South, American Revolution, women and blacks. She has received several of the school's top honors and written several books. Converse President Betsy Fleming said Walker's love of history is contagious and she has a distinctive, dynamic style in the classroom.

November 15, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 15, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: The state [Education](#) Department said its report cards show the overall performance for South Carolina school districts declined again in 2007. Education officials said the number of districts with the worst overall score of unsatisfactory increased from eleven districts last year to 17 districts this year. Fewer than ten districts improved their grades. About 70 percent of districts maintained the same overall grade. The report cards give South Carolina's 85 [school](#) districts and roughly 1,100 public schools grades of excellent, good, average, below average or unsatisfactory.

December 12, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 12, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: A woman who homeschools her four daughters has been elected head of the board that oversees public schools in South Carolina. Kristin Maguire of Clemson was voted chairwoman-elect for the State Board of [Education](#) on Wednesday. She is scheduled to become chairwoman in 2009. Maguire was previously named to the board by Republican Governor Mark Sanford. The board's nominating committee preferred Trip DuBard but he was voted down 9-7. Maguire was elected on a voice vote. At least one former teacher spoke against Maguire's election at the board's meeting.

December 13, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 13, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: A natural gas leak forced an evacuation at an elementary school on Thursday, officials with the Greenville County School District said. Susan Clark, a spokeswoman for the school district, said someone smelled a strong odor of natural gas around 11:45 a.m. She said school officials evacuated the school as a precaution. Clark said firefighters and workers from Piedmont Natural Gas Company arrived at the scene. They found the leak was coming from a boiler at the school. Clark said students were allowed back in the school at 12:10 p.m. No one was injured in the incident, Clark said.

December 18, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 18, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: "Save our [school](#)," students chanted in front of Calhoun Falls High School on Monday morning. Some students at the school left their classes to protest the closing of their school at the end of the current school year. On Friday, the Abbeville County School Board made the decision to close Calhoun Falls High School next year. The school houses students from the seventh grade through the 12th grade. Some of the students and their parents held signs and chanted to show that they are upset about the school board's decision. "It's devastating to the students and teachers of Calhoun Falls because we've been here all of our lives and this is all we know," said one of the protesters. School Superintendent Dr. Ivan Randolph said the decision to close the school comes as a result of state budget cuts, declining enrollment and quality of courses. However, one protestor said he doesn't believe that's true. "Someone's got to tell me different that we don't give a quality [education](#)," the protestor said. "My grandson has already been accepted into North Greenville College. Come on, people!" More than 230 students will be affected by the closure. School officials said those students will be bused to either Abbeville High School or Dixie High School.

December 18, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 18, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION Monday night's meeting was the last one of the year for [Clemson's](#) City Council. On the agenda was an ordinance that asks smokers to butt-out of public places. A number of community organizations came out to support the ban. "This effort is endorsed by the Cancer Association, March of Dimes and the Pediatric Association," said Terry Taylor with the [South Carolina](#) Tobacco Collaborative. "Everyone who is concerned about health endorses this." If approved, the ordinance will ban smoking in most public places. However, not all members of the City Council agreed on the issue. "I have a problem supporting that and I think we are overstepping our bounds a little bit," said Councilman Tim Fowler. The debate on the ban centered on whether a smoking ban will hurt businesses. "It should be up to that business owner," said Councilman J.C. Cook. "No one is forced to go into a smoking establishment." The first reading of the ordinance passed by a vote of 4 to 3. The council also voted to remove a part of the ban that would allow smoking in private establishments. The council said they expect to have a final reading and vote on the ban at the beginning of February.

Attachments



Environment

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
FOURTH QUARTER 2007**

Problem/Need: **ENVIRONMENT**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
October 8, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 8, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The Palmetto Equine Awareness and Rescue League said they have seen an increase in the number of horse neglect cases in recent months. "There's an increase in underfed large animals because of the drought and the cost of hay," said Nicole Walukewicz from PEARL. "We're concerned this is going to be a hard winter for a lot of horses." PEARL steps in when Anderson County deputies find horses that have been neglected. They pay more than \$30 a day in food for the horses. The group also pays to cover the animal's medical bills. "Some people don't seem to be willing to make the decision to sell them off," said Anderson County Sheriff David Crenshaw. "They let them deteriorate and get worse and worse." Crenshaw said with the increase in neglect cases, PEARL has been a godsend. "We're not equipped to handle large animals and they are," Crenshaw said. "They've been gracious to help us." PEARL said in one case, 12 horses were found with hipbones and shoulder bones showing. The previous owner is wanted on 12 counts of animal cruelty and failing to appear in court. Walukewicz said those horses are recovering nicely and most will be put up for adoption in a few weeks. However, she said the cost to care for the animals are not cheap and they'd like the public to help. People wanting to make a contribution to PEARL can call 864-287-9939 or send a donation to P.O. Box 362, Sandy Springs, S.C. 29677.

October 15, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 15, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: State climatologist Hope Mizzell said there have been no attempts so far in [South Carolina](#) to declare an extreme drought and call for mandatory water conservation. However, Mizzell warned forecasts for the rest of the fall call for below-normal rainfall, and more drastic measures might be needed if people do not voluntarily conserve water. Mizzell said areas in the midlands and upstate had the driest July to September since records were kept in 1948. The drought is hitting the Lowcountry too. Lake Moultrie is down more than five feet to its lowest point since 1951, when it dropped 10 feet.

October 18, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 18, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Governor [Mark Sanford](#) urged residents to conserve water during the state's worsening drought on Thursday. The Drought Response Committee last month upgraded drought conditions to severe levels for all counties except Beaufort and Jasper. The Natural Resources Department said conditions have not improved. It said 14 of the 17 streams monitored are at extreme drought level. It also said some lakes have declined to water levels lower than the extended drought period of 1998-2002. Rainfall has been below normal over most of the state every month this year except June. Sanford said

it's important for all South Carolinians to do what they can to conserve water. State climatologist Hope Mizell said the state expects a drier-than-normal fall and winter.

October 22, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 22, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: It's the time of year when leaves turn to brilliant shades of red, yellow and orange. Experts said this year's season may be shorter than usual because of a freeze in April and a drought for much of the summer. The fall colors usually peak in [South Carolina](#) in the last two weeks of October.

October 23, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 23, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Willie Cox and her husband fish at Lake Bowen at least once a week, but they said they've noticed the lake is drying up. Just a short look around the lake and you can see a lot of shallow water and extra shoreline. "The motor got stuck in the mud and we had to use a paddle to get out," Cox said. Spartanburg Water officials said some of the lakes they use to supply water are down quite a bit. Lake Brown is down about four feet and Lake Blaylock is down about five feet, they said. However, water officials said even though the lakes are low, the water supply is at a surplus. They credit good planning and lessons learned from the 2002 drought. For now, at least, the drought seems to be affecting boaters the most. "Getting out is tricky," Cox said. "It's just better when the water is up."

October 25, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 25, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Officials at Blue Ridge Rural Water Company asked some of their customers to boil their water after a pressure loss on Thursday morning. The order affects about 50 customers in the Cliffs Valley North Subdivision. Officials said that the water pressure loss happened near a water treatment plant and may have contaminated the water to some customers. Officials said they have no confirmed contamination of the system, but they want to be on the safe side. Customers should boil their water for at least one full minute before drinking or cooking until otherwise notified, officials said. Also any ice made from water that has not been boiled should not be used. Officials said any customers with questions about the boil water advisory can call 864-895-1719.

November 9, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 9, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Dozens of dead and injured seabirds found coated in black goo are the most visible victims of a 58,000 gallon oil spill in the San Francisco Bay, which scientists say could threaten wildlife for years. The spill fouled miles of coastline, sending environmentalists scrambling Thursday to save the bay's birds, fish, invertebrates and marine mammals. "The effects of the oil spill could persist for months and possibly years," said Tina Swanson, a fish biologist with the Bay Institute. Questions persisted about why the Coast Guard took so long to report the scope of the spill. The oil spilled from a South Korea-bound container ship when it struck a tower supporting the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge in dense fog Wednesday. The accident did not damage the span, but the

vessel's hull was gashed, officials said. Tides carried a plume of heavy fuel beneath the Golden Gate Bridge and into the Pacific Ocean. By Thursday afternoon, oil had been sighted about 15 miles north of the city, and at least eight beaches in San Francisco and Marin County were closed. Wildlife rescue workers and volunteers combing beaches have found dozens of dead and injured seabirds coated in black oil, said Michael Ziccardi, director of the California Oiled Wildlife Care Network. Ten to 15 teams were to be dispatched Friday to search for more. More than 30 oiled birds, mostly surf scoters that live on the water's surface, were taken to a mobile treatment center in San Francisco's Fort Mason, Ziccardi said. Most will be taken to a wildlife care center to be cleaned and rehabilitated before being released into the wild. The oil seeps into the birds' skin, leaving them unable to maintain their body temperature, he said. Once covered in oil, the birds are forced to move ashore where they are at risk of starvation. Wildlife officials are concerned that the region's sea lions and harbor seals could also be affected, though there were no confirmed reports Thursday of injured marine mammals. The oil spill is bad news for the region's fish and fishermen. Herring, the bay's only commercially fished species, spawn at this time of year, and the spill could affect the fishing season that begins in January, said Zeke Grader, who heads the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association. The spill could threaten steelhead and chinook salmon that travel through the bay to spawning grounds in the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers during the fall, Grader said. Scientists also are worried about the spill's effect on the longfin smelt, whose population has reached record low levels this year. In August, environmental groups petitioned state and federal agencies to list it as an endangered species. "This is exactly the kind of event that can push a species into extinction," said Swanson, of the Bay Institute. As scientist worried about the future of the region's wildlife, authorities questioned the Coast Guard's response in the hours after the spill. More than 12 hours after the incident, Coast Guard officials were still saying just 140 gallons had leaked, according to Mayor [Gavin Newsom](#), who said the city would consider legal action against anyone found liable. "We would have responded differently if we had accurate information from the get-go," Newsom spokesman Nathan Ballard said. City workers, for instance, would have initially laid more boom lines to contain the oil, he said. Sen. [Barbara Boxer](#) also criticized the Coast Guard's response in a letter sent Thursday to Commandant Adm. Thad W. Allen, saying she was "very troubled by the Coast Guard's delay in delivering accurate information to the public and the city of San Francisco. Many questions remain as to why it took an entire day to determine the gravity of this spill." Coast Guard Capt. William Uberti, captain of the Port of San Francisco, said Coast Guard personnel knew the full extent of the spill by around 4 p.m. He rejected any suggestion that the crews could have contained the spill more quickly. "We mobilized as if it was a big spill right away," said Uberti. Some 9,500 gallons of fuel was recovered, and 18,000 feet of booms were in place by Thursday afternoon, the Coast Guard said. Authorities were still investigating the cause of the crash.

November 16, 2007
November 16 2007

10:00pm
5:00a-9:00am

The Ten O'clock News
The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Weather officials said only the northwest part of [South Carolina](#) received the first significant rainfall in about three weeks on Wednesday. They said the forecast for the coming days calls for the state to remain bone-dry. State Climatologist Hope Mizzell said no measurable rain fell south of the Midlands after a cold front moved through the parched southeast. Most of the upstate got less than three-tenths of an inch. In September, the state's Drought Response Committee declared all counties except Beaufort and Jasper to be suffering severe drought levels. Mizzell said it will take months of normal to above normal rainfall to alleviate those conditions. She noted that many areas of the state are about 18 inches below normal rain levels for the year.

November 26, 2007
November 26, 2007

10:00pm
5:00a-9:00am

The Ten O'clock News
The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Monday's rainfall will only offer a temporary respite from the near-record dry spell in the upstate, forecasters said. FOX Carolina Meteorologist Melissa Jones said most areas across the upstate and mountains of western [North Carolina](#) will receive between a half-inch and an inch of rainfall on Monday. Jones said the deficit for the Greenville-Spartanburg area sits at 20.31 inches of rain for the year, while in Asheville the deficit is at 13.08 inches. Jones said the driest year on record in the upstate was in 1954. That year, the upstate received only 32 inches of rain. As of Monday, the total rainfall in Greenville for the year is at 25.47 inches. Jones said unless the upstate receives 6.5 inches of rain before Dec. 31, 2007 will go down as the driest year on record for the area. Jones said the last time Greenville and Asheville received at least an inch of rain was on Sept. 14. **Area Lakes Will Not Increase Much, Officials Said:** Officials at Lake Bowen in Spartanburg County said Monday's rain will help raise the low water levels by only a small amount. Levels at Lake Bowen are four-and-a-half feet below normal. Lake officials have posted signs warning boaters of the dangers. "It's almost like we need a [tropical storm](#) to come in and drop a large amount of rain in a short amount of time," said Eddie Dearybury, chief lake warden. **Rain Causes Numerous Crashes:** Police and troopers around the upstate were kept busy Monday morning thanks to the rain creating slick roadways. Jason Rampey of Greenville police said there were seven wrecks during rush-hour. Three of the crashes caused injuries. A crash at the intersection of Laurens Road and Interstate 85 involved five cars. South Carolina Highway Patrol spokeswoman Kathy Hiles said troopers in Greenville and Spartanburg counties were called to 41 crashes as of noon. The good news was that none of the injuries from the wrecks appeared to be serious, officials said.

December 7, 2007
December 7, 2007

10:00pm
5:00a-9:00am

The Ten O'clock News
The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Residents from all over the western Carolinas have called the FOX Carolina newsroom to report an earthquake on Friday morning. Residents from Sand Plains, N.C., to Simpsonville, S.C., have called in to tell FOX Carolina that the quake woke them up around 6 a.m. The United States Geological Survey reports that a magnitude 3.1 earthquake centered about six miles north of Columbus, N.C., shook the area at 6:07 a.m. The USGS said on its Web site there are about 30,000 earthquakes between magnitude 2.5 and 5.4 every year across the globe. They described a magnitude 3.1 quake as a minor quake that may be felt but causes very little damage. Stay with FOX Carolina and foxcarolina.com for the latest on this developing story.

December 7, 2007
December 7, 2007

10:00pm
5:00a-9:00am

The Ten O'clock News
The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Nuclear regulatory officials said the Oconee Nuclear Station near Seneca is operating safely, but operator Duke Energy could have addressed concerns at the plant faster. Officials said none of the problems was a serious risk to employees or the public and involved systems only meant to operate after an accident at the plant. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission said the problems included a washer and part of a broken wrench found in a pipe and an opening that could allow an auxiliary control room to flood. Oconee Nuclear Station Vice President Bruce Hamilton said all of the problems were fixed promptly.

December 24, 2007
December 24, 2007

10:00pm
5:00a-9:00am

The Ten O'clock News
The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: A conservation group plans to buy 560 acres to protect in northern Pickens County with an option to purchase the entire 2,208-acre tract. Crescent Resources recently put the land on the market, and conservation group Upstate Forever got help from the governor's office to make the deal to give it time to raise the roughly \$10 million needed to buy all the land. The tract contains five mountains, and Upstate Forever Land Trust director Dana Leavitt called it one of the most ecologically significant properties in the state.

Attachments



Government

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM OR NEED
FOURTH QUARTER 2007**

Problem/Need: **GOVERNMENT**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Sundays	10:00 am	FOX NEWS SUNDAY

DESCRIPTION:

Fox News Sunday is a national weekly program with current events and political issues. (60:00)

October 8, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 8, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Presidential hopeful and Sen. Barack [Obama](#) talks about his faith during a campaign stop at a Greenville church. Obama stopped at Redemption World Outreach Center on Sunday as part of his 40 Days of Faith and Family campaign. During the stop, Obama spoke to the congregation about how his family life and Christian faith have shape his values. "I am humbled to see the power of this church and the spirit that I feel as I come here," Obama said. Obama said he started going to church after college when he began working with church leaders in Chicago. "I thought I was coming to save a community, but I was the one being saved," Obama said. Obama, a Democrat, said he is constantly asked about the role his faith plays in his life. "I say it plays every role," Obama said. "It's what keeps me grounded, and what keeps my eye set on the greatest of heights." Focusing on the power of religion, Obama did not spend time getting into his political platform. "My humble hope is that we can infuse our government with the same spirit of service and that same spirit of charity and love," Obama said. "If we can do that, there's no problem we can't solve." Obama's 40 Days of Faith and Family campaign also included stops in Horry County, Aiken and Rock Hill.

October 9, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 9, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Public urination in Greer has stiff penalties attached to it, but a new ordinance could change the charge to a misdemeanor. Under [state law](#) anyone caught urinating in public is charged with a sex crime. Once convicted of that crime that person would be required to register as a sex offender. "I think it's a big deal to be a sex offender, and it's a little too extreme for public urination," said one Greer resident. Tuesday night, Greer City Council had the first reading of an ordinance that would change the way people arrested for urinating in public would be charged. Instead of a sex crime, one would be charged with indecent exposure, which is a misdemeanor. "Relieving yourself is a natural occurrence and I'm not opposed to doing it where ever you got to go," said another resident. With that sentiment in mind, some people suggested that more public restrooms in downtown Greer could solve the problem all together. For now, the council has taken the first step to approve the ordinance. If the rule passes a second reading, it will take effect Nov. 1.

October 16, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 16, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: [South Carolina's](#) fast-growing Hispanic population also means the state needs to see a rapid increase in quality interpreters, state officials said. The agency that runs the state's courts is in the middle of its first class to train certified court interpreters. South Carolina Court Administration said only 15 of the 200 interpreters it keeps track of are certified. South Carolina's court systems do not require interpreters to have a certification that proves

their ability to accurately translate technical legal words. However, officials said the state appears to be moving in that direction. More routine hearings might need just one interpreter. However, trials often need three -- one for prosecutors, one for defense attorneys and one for the court reporter and judge.

October 18, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 18, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Two Republican [presidential candidates](#) and a spokesman for a Democratic presidential hopeful were scheduled to campaign across the upstate on Thursday. A big supporter of Democratic candidate Bill Richardson, New Mexico State Treasurer James Lewis, attended the NAACP candidates forum in Myrtle Beach on Wednesday. Lewis was scheduled to meet with Democrats at the Greenwood County Farmers Market for a party fundraiser at 7 p.m. Thursday. Republican candidate and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney was scheduled to be in Spartanburg on Thursday. Romney will tour the Gibss Regional Cancer Center. Then he will visit the Marble Slab Creamery on East Main Street between 3:30 and 4 p.m., the *Spartanburg Herald* reported. Arizona Sen. John McCain, a Republican presidential candidate, was scheduled to start the day at USC Upstate for a tour and forum at the nursing school. McCain was to hold a town hall meeting at the Senior Action Center on Directors Drive starting at 12:15 p.m. McCain wraps up his visit with a tour of the Greenville Hospital System's Center For Success In Aging. South Carolina's Republican primary is scheduled for Jan. 19. The Democratic primary is scheduled for Jan. 29.

October 22, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 22, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Leaders proposing removing half of the delegates for South Carolina, New Hampshire, Florida, Michigan and Wyoming. South Carolina Republicans said they are considering legal action to avoid the penalty. [Republican National Committee](#) Chairman Mike Duncan said it's important to enforce party rules. South Carolina plans to hold its [GOP](#) presidential primary Jan. 19. State GOP Chairman Katon Dawson said he's considering legal action if the state is penalized 23 delegates to next year's Republican National Convention. Dawson said he wants to make sure South Carolina has the first primary in the South. He said he doesn't know if the effort will succeed

October 23, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 23, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Party officials said former North Carolina Sen. [John Edwards](#) was the only candidate to file Monday as South Carolina Democrats opened filing for next January's presidential primary. Filing remains open until noon on Nov. 1. Anyone wanting to be on the ballot must either pay \$2,500 or have the signatures of 3,000 registered voters in the state. [Democratic Party](#) rules also require a candidate to be deemed a viable contender to gain access to the ballot for the tentatively scheduled Jan. 26 primary.

October 25, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 25, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Republican presidential candidate Mitt [Romney](#) said he wants all delegates seated at next year's Republican National Convention. Republican leaders this week recommended punishing five states for moving their nomination contests earlier, including [South Carolina](#). Leaders said those states should lose half their delegates. Romney was in Myrtle Beach on Wednesday morning. He said it's important to honor the Iowa and New Hampshire process, with Iowa going first. Romney said he couldn't talk about whether a loss of delegates might affect his campaign plans in South Carolina because he hasn't reviewed national party plans. Romney said he misspoke in Greenwood on Tuesday when he said Democratic presidential contender Barack Obama, instead of Osama bin Laden, was urging terrorists to gather in Iraq.

October 26, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 26, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: White House hopeful Fred Thompson is an official candidate in the South Carolina Republican [presidential primary](#) after he filed paperwork and paid a \$35,000 fee. The deadline for filing in [South Carolina](#) is Nov. 1, but Thompson is the last of the leading candidates to file in the state. At least a dozen Republican hopefuls have filed for the state's Jan. 19 Republican primary.

November 5, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 5, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The Republican presidential fight in [South Carolina](#) reflects the race at large, some political experts said. If history is a guide, South Carolina could predict the outcome. Since 1980, no Republican has won the nomination without a triumph in the Palmetto State. Each of the four top contenders -- [Mitt Romney](#), Rudy Giuliani, Fred Thompson and John McCain -- believes he has a strong chance to win in South Carolina. One poll showed nearly one-third of likely GOP voters are undecided 11 weeks before an expected 600,000 people vote in the Republican primary on Jan. 19. Recent polls showed the race tight among Romney, Giuliani and Thompson, with McCain trailing.

November 8, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 8, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The [Republican Party](#) has decided to punish five states including South Carolina for scheduling early primaries. [Republican National Committee](#) chairman Mike Duncan said South Carolina, New Hampshire, Florida, Michigan and Wyoming will lose half of their delegates to the national convention. However, state party leaders, including South Carolina GOP Chairman Katon Dawson, remained confident that their entire delegations will be seated. Dawson said any decision on whether to legally challenge the ruling won't happen until after South Carolina's Jan. 19 primary. Even if the state loses half its delegates, Dawson said it is worth it for the exposure South Carolina gets by being the first presidential primary in the south.

November 12, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 12, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The last Democratic debate before [South Carolina](#) votes on a presidential nominee will be held Jan. 21, U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn, D-S.C., said Sunday night in a news release. The debate, sponsored by the Congressional Black Caucus Institute and broadcast by CNN, will be held at the Palace Theater in Myrtle Beach. "It is fitting this final South Carolina Democratic Presidential debate will take place on the day South Carolina and the nation honor [Martin Luther King Jr.](#)," Clyburn said in the release. "South Carolina's primary will be the first test of the candidates in a state where nearly half of the Democratic primary voters could be African Americans." The debate was originally scheduled for Jan. 17, but was moved when the South Carolina Democratic primary was locked in for Jan. 26.

November 19, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 19, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Governor [Mark Sanford](#) has named a major at the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division to serve as the agency's interim chief. Major Mark Keel will lead the agency while the governor searches for a permanent replacement for longtime chief Robert Stewart. Stewart's resignation takes effect at the end of this month. He has led the agency since 1988 and also was appointed as the state's [homeland security](#) chief in 2003. Sanford called Stewart a consummate professional and said he has set a high standard for his agency and all law enforcement. Stewart has said he's leaving to start a consulting business.

November 27, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 27, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A Lexington orthodontist has decided to challenge Sen. [Lindsey Graham](#) in a Republican primary next year. Buddy Witherspoon will travel across the state this week to announce his candidacy. The 69-year-old Witherspoon is in his third term on the [Republican National Committee](#). His campaign said he will resign to run for Graham's seat. Witherspoon said Graham compromises too much with Democrats and faults the senator for his role in pushing President George W. Bush's failed immigration proposal. Witherspoon was also the Lexington County Republican Party chairman. Witherspoon joins at least two Republicans who announced they would run

November 28, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 28, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: More than 50 pastors from across the upstate announced their endorsement of Sen. [Hillary Clinton](#) during a rally on Tuesday. The presidential hopeful spoke to a group of supporters at the Marriott Hotel in Spartanburg on Tuesday morning. Before the speech, more than 50 pastors stood on the stage and said why they support the New York senator. Clinton outlined four goals she hopes to accomplish if she is elected president -- create a better [health care system](#), bring a different approach to education, rebuild the middle class and restore the United States' leadership in the world. Clinton also talked about creating more jobs and cleaning up the environment. Many in the audience said they agree with what she stands for. They said it's time for a change and Clinton is the person to do it. After her speech, Clinton shook hands and signed autographs for people in the crowd. Clinton's next stop in South Carolina is Aiken.

November 28, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 28, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: White House hopeful and Arizona Sen. John McCain made a campaign stop at an art gallery on Tuesday afternoon. McCain called the rally a town hall meeting and fielded questions from both audience members and the media. "I want to be president to fix the hard things, not the easy things," McCain said. McCain discussed a variety of topics from affordable healthcare to Social Security. It came as no shock that the former prisoner of war focused on the [war in Iraq](#). "If we had withdrawn six months ago when the Democrats wanted us to, al-Qaeda would say they beat the U.S.," McCain said. McCain also talked about the importance of South Carolina in the political process. "People in South Carolina are more sophisticated than ever, and they pay a lot of attention," McCain said. Some people who attended the stump session said they were impressed with what the senator had to say. "He answered my question pretty well," said James Duncan, an Anderson University professor. "My biggest problem with him is campaign finance reform." "I appreciate him being a straight shooter and I appreciate his integrity," said David Perry, who attended the rally. McCain was scheduled to make a stop in Clemson on Wednesday morning.

December 14, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 14, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A new poll shows a tight race for Democrats and Republicans in the [presidential campaign](#) in South Carolina. The poll by Opinion Research Corporation shows Hillary Clinton ahead with 42 percent of those questioned. Barack Obama is at 34 percent. Seneca native John Edwards trails at 16 percent. The telephone poll was conducted earlier this week and has a sampling error of plus or minus 4.5 percentage points. On the Republican side, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee is at 24 percent. Former Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson is at 17 percent. Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney are both at 16 percent. Arizona Sen. John McCain is at 13 percent. The sampling error is plus or minus 4 percentage points on the Republican side.

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The Ten O'clock News
The Morning News

Description: Congress approved the first increase in automobile [fuel economy](#) in 32 years. The increase was approved by a wide margin Tuesday, and President George W. Bush has signaled he will accept the mandates on the auto industry. The energy bill will boost mileage by 40 percent to 35 miles per gallon. It passed the House 314-100, and now goes to the White House, following the Senate's approval last week. The bill spurs increased demand for nonfossil fuels and also requires a six-fold increase in ethanol use to 36 billion gallons a year by 2022. It also requires new energy efficiency standards for an array of appliances, lighting and commercial and government buildings. Robert Nardelli, chairman and CEO of [Chrysler](#), endorsed the passage of the energy bill. "Chrysler is committed to meeting the fuel economy standards of the bill and doing our part to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and our country's reliance on foreign oil," Nardelli said in a prepared statement. "We continue to devote significant resources to develop quality, fuel efficient products that our customers expect." He said the company has offered six vehicles this year that get 28 miles per gallon or better, and more are planned. While some Republican lawmakers criticized the bill for failing to address the need for more domestic oil and natural gas production, 95 GOP lawmakers joined Democrats in support of the bill.

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The Ten O'clock News
The Morning News

Description: Democratic presidential hopeful [Barack Obama](#) has brought a television ad focusing on education that has run in New Hampshire and Iowa to South Carolina. The 30-second spot, titled "Chances I Had," began airing on Tuesday morning. It's his third ad in South Carolina. In the ad, Obama said his parents were not rich and his father left when he was very young. But the former Illinois senator said he was able to get a great education. Obama said every child should get that chance. The ad said Obama would expand early childhood education, recruit teachers and encourage parents to turn off the television and instill in their children a sense of excellence. Obama's camp said they are using the ad to make an appeal in part to women voters who also are being wooed by Democratic rival [Hillary Clinton](#).

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The Ten O'clock News
The Morning News

Description: The state [Republican Party](#) is getting a new executive director. Former state GOP political director Jay Ragley is returning as executive director of the party, party officials said Monday. Ragley has been state director for the National Federation of Independent Business since July 2006. He previously served as political director for the South Carolina Republican Party from 2003 to 2006. State Party Chairman Katon Dawson said he's glad to have Ragley back. Party officials said on Monday that current executive director Hogan Gidley will plan the party's Jan. 10 [presidential debate](#) in Myrtle Beach. Gidley had replaced Scott Malyerck, who left to become spokesman for the state treasurer's office.

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Jobs, Economy, Growth

**ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
FOURTH QUARTER 2007**

Problem/Need: **JOBS/ECONOMY/GROWTH**

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October 2, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 2, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: A munitions company said it's planning to build a production facility in Cherokee County. DSE, Inc. said it is planning to renovate the vacant 320,000 square-foot National Textiles plant. The Florida-based company makes ammunition and vehicle parts for the U.S. military. Company officials said the new plant should be able to begin production by next summer. DSE is the second major manufacturer recently to announce plans to develop in Cherokee County. Last month, Bericap -- an international plastics company -- announced that it would build a \$20 million manufacturing plant in the area.

October 4, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 4, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: City leaders said Wednesday that Greer is preparing for a boom in the city's population with a new way to help commuters and visitors find an empty parking space. Greer's parking hot line is a system that is updated weekly to let callers know where public parking lots are located. It also tells them which businesses offer their parking spaces after hours. "It shows the people coming downtown and it shows the merchants we're serious about business and economy," said Melissa Thomas with the Greer Development Cooperation. "We want them here and we want them to be able to shop and enjoy the area and come back." Many downtown merchants said they have seen an increase in foot traffic. One shop owner said he hopes the hot line will guide even more business his way. "It helps people know they can come to Greer and find a parking place and go to the place they want," said Peter Tripps, owner of Vintage Jewelry. City leaders said the hotline will be especially useful during special events like the upcoming Oktoberfest. The festival is expected to bring 10,000 people to downtown Greer. The hotline number is 864-416-0129. Commuters can also find parking maps online at greerstation.com.

October 8, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 8, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: [Wal-Mart](#) officials have confirmed that a proposed store on Pelham Road is a done deal. Wal-Mart officials said the store will be built near the Interstate 85 interchange on Pelham Road. Officials said construction is expected to start at the end of the year and will take about a year to complete. The store will have both groceries and household items all in about a 134,000 square foot store, officials said. They said the store is one of their smaller models. Wal-Mart will establish a [hiring](#) center about three to four months before the store opens, officials said. Some residents near the site of the new Wal-Mart said the store is a bad idea. They said the store will bring lots of traffic, noise and crime.

October 10, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 10, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Thousands of Chrysler LLC autoworkers started to walk out Wednesday after the automaker and the United Auto Workers union failed to reach a tentative contract agreement before a union-imposed deadline. It would be the first UAW strike against Chrysler since 1997, when one plant was shut down for a month, and the first strike against Chrysler during contract talks since 1985. There was no immediate official word from the union or

Chrysler following the 11 a.m. deadline whether it was a nationwide strike. The UAW, which must reach new four-year agreements with all three Detroit automakers, struck General Motors Corp. for two days before reaching a tentative agreement with the automaker on Set. 26. The union hasn't yet reached a deal with [Ford](#) Motor Co. Chrysler has 24 U.S. manufacturing facilities, including 10 assembly plants, but not all would be affected by a strike. The automaker had already planned to idle five assembly plants and some parts making factories for short stretches during the next two weeks in an effort to adjust its inventory to a slowing U.S. automotive market. A short strike would likely have little effect on the automaker, which had a 71-day supply of cars and trucks on dealer lots at the end of August, according to Ward's AutoInfoBank. A walkout that lasts longer than a month would start to cut into sales, according to Paul Taylor, chief economist with the National Automobile Dealers Association. Talks between the UAW and Chrysler began in July but accelerated last weekend. The union set the 11 a.m. deadline to reach a tentative agreement or go on strike. The UAW represents about 45,000 workers at Chrysler's U.S. manufacturing facilities, making it the smallest of the Detroit automakers. Chrysler was a wild card in this year's negotiations because it was bought by the private equity firm Cerberus Capital Management LP shortly after the talks began. DaimlerChrysler AG, which is now called Daimler AG, sold a controlling stake in the 82-year-old Chrysler to Cerberus in August. The firm has since hired Bob Nardelli, formerly head of The Home Depot Inc., to be Chrysler's chairman and chief executive. Chrysler Vice Chairman and President Tom LaSorda, who led Chrysler before Nardelli was hired, is representing the company in the talks. Many industry analysts believe Cerberus will fix the money-losing Chrysler quickly, return it to profitability and sell it for a huge profit, perhaps to a foreign auto company that wants a stronger U.S. presence. It was unclear how Cerberus's plans for the company would factor in the talks. The bargaining appeared to center on the UAW granting the same health care cost concessions to Chrysler as it did to GM and Ford in 2005, as well as how much Chrysler would pay into a company-funded, UAW-run trust that would take on its roughly \$18 billion worth of retiree health care costs. GM has already agreed to form such a trust. Also at issue was the union's desire for job security pledges at U.S. factories and Chrysler's wish to contract out parts transportation now done by higher-wage union members, according to a person briefed on the talks. The person requested anonymity because the talks are private. The union normally settles with one U.S. automaker and then uses that deal as a pattern for an agreement with the other two. But several industry analysts have said that Chrysler and Ford have different needs and therefore need different contracts. Agreements must be ratified by UAW members to go into effect. GM's 74,000 UAW members have been voting on their agreement for the last week and totals were expected Wednesday

October 11, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 11, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Some drivers who frequently use the interchange between Interstate 85 and Interstate 385 call the intersection dangerous. "It's one lane and then it gets real confusing," said one driver. The interchange also directs traffic onto Woodruff Road, one of the busiest streets in Greenville. "It just needs more lanes," said driver Christopher Doyle. "It can't handle all the traffic." In September, the driver of a juice truck flipped his vehicle and spilled the load all over the highway. Another accident happened Tuesday night. Troopers said another 18-wheeler rounded the curve too fast and flipped his truck onto its side. "It's better than it used to be, but I still think it's an engineering nightmare," Doyle said. [South Carolina](#) Department of Transportation engineers said they have not received an official complaint about the interchange. Drivers, however, had plenty of complaints to dish out. "It's totally congested and probably needs to be widened," said Mark Allen, another driver.

October 19, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 19, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: More than 3,000 South Carolinians joined the ranks of the unemployed last month, edging the state's jobless rate up to 5.7 percent. The rate was 5.6 percent in August. The state Employment [Security](#) Commission said the total number of those seeking work increased to more than 123,000 in September. The increase was blamed on more people re-entering the job market. The national [unemployment rate](#) also was up slightly last month to 4.7 percent. Marion County recorded the highest jobless rate at 11.1 percent. Lexington County had the lowest rate in September at 4.4 percent.

October 22, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 22, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: State officials said a steel fabrication company will invest more than \$5 million and hire 120 people to locate its headquarters and a new manufacturing facility in Abbeville County. Carolina Fabrication President Clyde Sifford said the company hopes to be a long-term contributor to the county's economy and expand operations in the future. Carolina Fabrication is a steel fabrication company concentrating on conveyor and air-scrubbing systems for coal-fired power plants throughout North America. The company anticipates that it will hire 180 employees by the end of its third year of operation. The company should be operating in a limited capacity by next month.

October 25, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 25, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Bank of America said it is cutting 3,000 jobs less than a week after it reported a huge drop in earnings for the third quarter. The company said the cuts will affect less than 2 percent of the company's staff and most will come from Bank of America's global corporate and investment bank. That division serves large and [small businesses](#) and institutions. The Charlotte-based bank also said it will launch a strategic review of its investment banking [business](#). The bank announced last week that its profit dropped 32 percent in the third quarter. The bank said earlier that the head of investment banking will retire at the end of the year. Bank CEO Kenneth Lewis said in a statement some changes are a result of the loss but others have been contemplated for months.

October 25, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 25, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Greenville County Transportation officials said Thursday that a highly traveled road is no longer slated for widening. Officials had planned to widen West [Georgia](#) Road from two lanes to five lanes. However, officials said a recent traffic study showed that the project is not necessary. Some drivers said with new subdivisions and businesses developing along the road, county officials should rethink their decision. Traffic planners said that if there is a huge increase in development along the road that traffic could become as congested as Woodruff Road in Greenville. However, they said they do not foresee that huge developmental increase. Planners said the money that had been allotted for the widening project will now be used to improve intersections along West Georgia Road.

November 12, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 12, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: A burley tobacco farmer said this year's crop is high quality. Farmers in the [North Carolina](#) mountains have planted smaller crops since the tobacco quota buyout. Warren Anders, of Madison County, said this is the best crop he's grown in his 50 years in the business. Anders said he planted 20 acres this year instead of the 75 to 100 he and his son have planted in the past. Part of the reason is the higher cost of fertilizer and fuel as well as stagnant prices. It's also harder to find migrant labor to gather the crop. The tobacco quota buyout gave farmers and land owners a payment in exchange for giving up a price support program. Half of the 4,000 burley farmers in western North Carolina stopped growing the crop last year

November 29, 2007
November 29, 2007

10:00pm
5:00a-9:00am

The Ten O'clock News
The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: The White House on Thursday lowered its forecast for economic growth for next year and said unemployment would rise as the housing slump and tight credit weigh on national economic activity. Under the administration's new forecast, gross domestic product, or GDP, will grow by 2.7 percent next year. Its old projection called for a stronger, 3.1 percent increase. The unemployment rate, meanwhile, is projected to move up to 4.9 percent. That's up from a previous forecast of a 4.7 percent jobless rate. Inflation, however, should improve. The White House expects consumer prices to increase by 2.1 percent next year, a moderation from a previous forecast of a 2.5 percent rise. "While the difficulties in housing and credit markets and the effects of high energy prices will extract a penalty from growth, the U.S. economy has many strengths, and I expect the expansion to continue," said Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson. **Economy best in four years:** The odds of a recession have grown this year. But the Bush administration, Federal Reserve officials and others remain hopeful that one can be avoided. The big worry for economists is that consumers and businesses will cut back on spending and investing, sending the economic growth into a tailspin. Spending by consumers and businesses is the lifeblood of the country's economic activity. The White House's economic forecasts are issued twice a year. The projections were developed mainly by a team from the Council of Economic Advisers, the Treasury Department and the Office of Management and Budget. The administration's projections are in line with those offered by private analysts

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The Ten O'clock News
The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Duke Energy has asked regulators in [South Carolina](#) to approve its decision to spend up to \$230 million developing a new nuclear power plant. The company has said it is leaning toward building the new power plant near Gaffney, but said in its filing with the South Carolina Public Service Commission that a final decision where to build the power plant has not been made. In the filing, Duke Energy said the money is needed to make sure opening the nuclear power plant remains an option for the next decade. The filing did not give an indication of when the utility will make a final decision on whether to build the plant or where it might be located.

December 17, 2007
December 17, 2007

10:00pm
5:00a-9:00am

The Ten O'clock News
The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Technologies created by Clemson University researchers have led to a dozen new companies, which have created 50 new high-tech jobs. Four companies started last year, a record for university technology spinoffs, according to a survey by the Association of University Technology Managers. The [University of South Carolina](#) had six startups last year. The Medical University of [South Carolina](#) in Charleston had three. Last year, Clemson led the state's three research universities with \$2.45 million in license income.

December 21, 2007
December 21, 2007

10:00pm
5:00a-9:00am

The Ten O'clock News
The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: South Carolina's unemployment rate increased for the third straight month, up slightly to 5.9 percent in November. State Employment Security Commission officials said Friday that the number of unemployed in the state increased by 1,500 last month to nearly 127,000 overall. The national unemployment rate was unchanged in November at 4.7 percent. The state unemployment rate increased from 5.8 percent in October. The rate was 5.7 percent in September. State Employment Security Commission officials say South Carolina's econhas

improved during the past year, and the holiday shopping season appears to be good. But officials said the nationwide housing slump and high gas prices could impede job growth over the next few months

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Quality of Life

**ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
FOURTH QUARTER 2007**

Problem/Need: **QUALITY OF LIFE**

DATE **TIME** **PROGRAM**

Sundays 9:30 am TAYLORS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

DESCRIPTION: A church service that airs every Sunday morning. (30:00)

Sundays 10:00am DAY OF DISCOVERY

DESCRIPTION: A religious program that airs every Sunday morning. (30:00)

October 23, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 23, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: As wildfires rage in southern California, the upstate chapter of the American Red Cross said they are sending four volunteers to help fire victims. The four upstate volunteers will join more than 500 other Red Cross volunteers who have been sent to the region to assist emergency workers and victims of the fires. Roger Myers from Greenville is one of the volunteers. Myers packed his bags on Tuesday night for the long trip ahead. Myers said he is a Red Cross veteran. He has helped out in both Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. Myers said he expects 12-hour shifts and tough conditions. "There will be a great need to talk to people, counsel them if you can and if they want to talk, listen to them," Myers said. "Whatever we can do to help them while they're in the shelters is what we'll do." Despite the conditions, Myers said a chance to give someone a bit of hope is worth every bit of his time.

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DESCRIPTION: Nearly 200 people attended a service on Sunday to honor the seven [South Carolina](#) college students killed in a beach house fire in Ocean Isle Beach last week. A leader of the service told the congregation that she hoped the ceremony would help family and friends overcome the tragedy. The early morning fire Oct. 28 at the house killed six students from the [University of South Carolina](#) and one from Clemson University. The Rev. Jerry Hannah said he hopes the tragedy will lead people to what he called "an awakening of how brief life is" and inspire them to prepare for the afterlife and move with great purpose on their dreams.

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DESCRIPTION: A new guide to American Indian sites in [South Carolina](#) is expected to be available in late November at state welcome centers and libraries. Will Goins, Chief Executive for the Eastern Cherokee Southern Iroquois United Tribes of South Carolina, put together the guidebook. Goins said South Carolina is one of the few states that doesn't celebrate American Indian heritage. The state has one federally recognized tribe, the Catawba Indian Nation near Rock Hill. There are 11 groups recognized by the state.

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DESCRIPTION: James Sherman is back home after a brutal attack that left him confined to his bed instead of playing with his grandchildren. The attack happened on Halloween while Sherman was walking home from the pharmacy, deputies said. The attacker hit Sherman in the back of the head, knocking him unconscious. "He hit me hard in the back of my head and knocked me to the ground and started kicking me," Sherman said. Sherman said he has no idea who attacked him, but he has nightmares about the beating frequently. "I see him when he hit me and I dream about him stomping me," Sherman said. Sherman said some of the feeling is returning to his arms and legs, but the pain is almost unbearable. Sherman's family said they just want to see justice served. "I'm begging from the bottom of my heart, please help us," said Sherman's wife, Mary. "Please help us find who did this to my husband." Sherman said he is ready to get back to the thing he loves – walking. "I thank God I'm alive," Sherman said. "I hope I recover and get to where I can walk again because I'm not the type that likes to lay around." Deputies have not made any arrests in this case. They asked anyone with information to call the Anderson County Sheriff's Office immediately.

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DESCRIPTION: Dozens of volunteers spent much of Monday at Miracle Hill Ministries frying turkeys for those in need. All together, 125 turkeys were fried on Monday. They will be used to provide hundreds of Thanksgiving meals for those in need. "We'll have enough turkeys for everyone by and large from what we did today," said Miracle Hill Ministries Director Calvin Vinson. Employees of WSSL Radio, which helped organize the event, said they got the idea for the turkey fry from a musician they met at the Country Music Awards. Thanks to their listeners, that idea became a reality. "Once again, good people like this made it possible," said Bill Ellis of WSSL as he motioned toward the crowd of volunteers. Chef David Rowland, who helped fry up the turkeys, had a few pointers for those frying turkeys this Thanksgiving. "First of all, don't fry a frozen bird," Rowland said. "Make sure it's 165 degrees inside, 180 usually means a dry bird." Rowland also recommends using peanut oil instead of vegetable oil. Some other safety tips experts offer are: Always fry your turkey outside; Always have a fire extinguisher nearby while frying; Fry your turkey a safe distance away from your home and other buildings.; Never fry your turkey in a garage or on a wooden deck.

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DESCRIPTION: A garbage man was called a hero on Wednesday after he pushed his co-worker out of the way of an oncoming car and was killed. The crash happened on West [Washington](#) Street just after the crew had started its route. "They went out the gate, made a left turn and went less than a quarter of a mile to their first stop," said Greater Greenville Sanitation Executive Director Cecil Leviner. "Mr. Looper and another employee were working the carts into the truck when a vehicle came up from behind them." Norman Looper, 60, was a 36-year veteran city sanitation worker who had recently returned to the job part time. Investigators said Looper noticed the car approaching their truck fast and pushed his co-worker out of the way and was hit and killed by the car. "There's no greater act a man could do than

sacrifice himself for a neighbor," Leviner said. "That's exactly what he did. That was his last act." Troopers identified the driver of the car as 21-year-old Michael Davenport, of Simpsonville. Davenport was taken to the hospital to be treated for injuries. Trooper said charges against Davenport are pending.

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DESCRIPTION: For the Bier family, this Christmas was special. A few months ago they were living from place to place. But the Share Homeless service program has given them a roof over their heads and a place to start over. "If it wasn't for them, they probably wouldn't have much this Christmas. It's been rough for us for the past year," Stacie Bier said. The family's house now will be filled with a little more Christmas joy thanks to gifts given by the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. This year, they took up wish lists from 13 kids living here in Perry Place. "They wouldn't ask for much because they have been homeless for so long. They wanted things that were easy to carry. One young kid, Skyler, only asked for a picture of a dirt bike," Alpha Kappa Alpha spokeswoman Lavon Jones said. But when Skyler actually got a dirt bike instead of a picture, he could hardly believe what he was seeing. In the next house over, the excitement was the same. This time it was Spiderman who brought in the holiday cheer. "Even though Christmas is taken for granted, we just wanted to make sure this Christmas was special," Jones said. Special for the kids, but for the parents, the smile and laughter on their children's faces is gift enough for them.